

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund (MMAF) is a volunteer and nonprofit

organization, working with Minnesota veterans who have been deployed to a combat

zone since 9/11; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund is intended to honor that service by

providing cash grants to all service members deployed in combat zones, and to the

families of service members who are killed in combat; and

WHEREAS: Since its founding in 2005, the Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund has disbursed

\$10.8 million in grants to more than 16,900 Minnesota servicemembers and their families;

and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund grants are awarded to every qualifying

Minnesota veteran with no restrictions on use; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund provides a forum for Minnesotans to express

their support for veterans at several social events during the year; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota Military Appreciation Fund Day will be celebrated in Minnesota on May 3,

2018, as the Minnesotans' Military Appreciation Fund holds its annual fundraiser and

awards its 17,000th grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 3, 2018. as:

## MINNESOTA MILITARY APPRECIATION FUND DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this  $2^{nd}$  day of May.

GOVERNOR